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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated June 16, 2010, Applicant submits the following Amendment and Reply. It is not believed that extensions of time or other fees are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. If, however, additional extensions of time are needed to prevent abandonment of this application, such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims or any other fee deficiency), are hereby authorized to be charged, and any overpayments credited to, our Deposit Account No. 22-0261, referencing our docket number 32128-227053. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** are indicated on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** are indicated on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.